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Re: FOIL Log No.'s: 157894 and 158507

Dear Mr. Flores:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Law ("FOIL") request seeking copies of the following records relating to the Manhattan area bounded by Fifth Avenue, East 116th Street, Harlem River and East 96th Street, for the period from January 1, 2014 through September 20, 2016:

1. Any and all records about the types of water mains, water service lines, or other water pipes that have been replaced or removed from service, including any and all records about the metal composition (or metals used in the manufacture) of such lines or pipes; and
2. Any and all records about water quality tests conducted i) before and ii) after any water mains, water service lines, or other water pipes were replaced or removed from service.

Because of the way in which DEP's records are maintained, a diligent search for all responsive records to this request, requires that DEP conduct multiple searches of its files located throughout various bureaus and units within those bureaus. For example, the Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations must search at least 4 of its units for records that may be responsive to item #1 of your request. In addition, because our records are indexed by address, searching records that span such a large area, is very time consuming.

In order to not unnecessarily delay our response to your request, we ask that you kindly narrow the scope of documents requested by March 7, 2017, to, for example, the records of a particular subject matter regarding the water main, service line or water pipe; a particular address; or a particular date. To the extent that we do not receive an amended scope, please be advised that we reasonably anticipate preparing a response to your above request will take the agency approximately four months to complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deborah S. Fremder'.

Deborah S. Fremder
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